

residents. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Jones for his distinguished career with the Grapevine Police Department.

#### AWARENESS OF DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

#### HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness about Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne is a progressive muscle disorder for which there is no cure and affects boys disproportionately. According to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, the disease affects approximately 1 in 3,500 live male births. Conditions of the disease include deterioration of the muscle tissue, abnormal bone development, paralysis and eventually death.

Earlier this year, my office was contacted by several families from my district whose young sons are living with Duchenne.

Duchenne takes lives too quickly, but due in large part to research developments, there are signs of hope.

Over the last five years, Congress has appropriated \$157 million to the National Institutes of Health for Duchenne efforts. In 2010, the NIH awarded three grants specifically to New Jersey institutions totaling \$874,000.

Two of the grants were awarded to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, to explore treatments for congenital diseases, and the third went to TRIM-Edicine, for research of protein therapies for muscular dystrophy.

I hope these and other innovations bring us closer to finding the answers that we need to help and even cure Duchenne MD.

#### HONORING THE ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROOKLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Brooklawn Fire Company for its 100 years of service to the citizens of Brooklawn. The brave men of the Brooklawn Fire Company have consistently displayed true heroism and commitment throughout the past century. I thank them for their service.

Founded in 1911, the Brooklawn Fire Company was originally two separate departments. After the Broadway Fire Company and Brooklawn Volunteer Company had served the area for a number of years, the two companies merged in order to increase efficiency and enhance coverage. On January 27, 1942, the two became the Brooklawn Volunteer Fire Company. Throughout this process, serving the community was always the top priority. To this day, the men of the Brooklawn Fire Company are active public servants and dedicated members of the community, sponsoring local events and fostering a sense of safety in the Borough of Brooklawn.

With 2 stations, 25 active members, and 15 inactive members, the Brooklawn Fire Company is committed to the community. As volunteers, these citizen fire fighters are often wrongly overlooked. They have dedicated their time and energy to uphold a simple promise: to answer the call of duty whenever the fire alarm rings. Their sense of community reaches far beyond the borders of Brooklawn. When neighboring towns call for help, the Brooklawn Fire Company stands ready to serve. Today, I honor these men for continuing and keeping a century long tradition of service alive and thriving. Their heroism and sacrifice are exemplary for the Borough of Brooklawn and the entire South Jersey community.

#### CONGRATULATING STEPHEN PHILIP SLADE FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Stephen Philip Slade for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Stephen showed his dedication to his community and to scouting by fixing and painting a rusted swing set for a local school in Merritt Island, Florida. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Christian has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

#### HONORING DON MASSEY

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Don Massey and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 83.

Born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee on April 28, 1928 to Samuel Henry and Ila Marie Massey, Don became enamored of the automobile business when, at the age of 14, he took a summer job as a porter at a Jacksonville, Florida Dodge dealership. Ten years later Don, now married to his beloved Joyce, had moved to Michigan with \$300.00 and a love of cars. Employed at a used Desoto/Plymouth dealership in Wayne, this natural salesman moved on to Paul McGlone Chevrolet where he advanced to the position of General Manager within two years. Under his direction, McGlone became the number one Chevrolet dealership in the world from 1958 until 1960.

Deteriorating health and a stern warning from his doctor dictated Don make drastic changes to his heavy workload and, in 1960, he felt he had no choice but to retire. After several months, Mr. Massey felt well enough to begin a new venture and opened a very

successful used car lot of his own in 1961. Five years later, Don again retired, selling the lot, and moved to Plymouth, Michigan. Boredom quickly set in and Don bought "a little store that sold a couple hundred Oldsmobiles and fifty-sixty Cadillacs a year." He intended to work half days. A New Year's Day 1967 blizzard dropped several feet of snow and while digging out to inventory his stock, the indomitable Don sold seven cars. In a short time Don Massey Cadillac would become the top Cadillac dealer in the world, a title it would hold consistently.

A legendary salesman, Don believed in acquainting himself with his customers. His friendly approach brought him many a friend and sold many a car. In 1981, Don Massey acquired the second of his many dealerships when he purchased Capitol Cadillac located in Lansing, Michigan. Over the next decade he expanded his successful Southern charm to Colorado, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Kentucky, California and Texas. When General Motors launched its Saturn brand, Massey opened the first of three Saturn dealerships in the Detroit area in 1990. Although he sold every brand under the General Motors umbrella, Don Massey became known as "The Cadillac King".

Don Massey believed in his employees and promoted from within. His distinctive Southern drawl was recognizable in radio commercials for his dealerships. While he was never one to micromanage his businesses, he always left an imprint of his unassuming, personable style, and was an active member of his community. He co-sponsored the Plymouth Ice Sculpture contest, held an open barbecue on the 4th of July and donated the lights to the Plymouth baseball park bearing his name. He wanted his wife Joyce to be remembered. Massey built a wing on the Colorado hospital she was treated in after a debilitating car accident and named it after her. Don partnered with the St. Joseph Mercy Health System to establish the Joyce M. Massey Traumatic Brain Injury Day Treatment Center. A beautiful garden at Madonna University, in my hometown of Livonia, also bears the late Joyce Massey's name.

As Don was nearing 70, offers to buy the colossal Massey conglomerate began. In 1998, he sold his three Saturn dealerships to General Motors. The next year GM bought his Ann Arbor Cadillac showroom but an offer to purchase the rest of the Massey holdings was rejected. Don sold his portfolio of sixteen dealerships in 2002 but he remained the voice of the dealership which still bears his name. One enduring piece of advice he shared, "Keep both feet firmly on the ground and don't over-extend yourself—socially or financially."

Sadly, on June 10, 2011, Don passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. Reuniting in eternity with his beloved wife Joyce, daughter Joellen and brothers Tom and Sam Henry, Don is survived by his children Donald Jr. and Brenda, brother Bobby and sister Ruth.

Mr. Speaker, Don Massey will be long remembered as a dedicated husband, legendary businessman, philanthropist, community leader and above all as a friend. Don was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Don Massey farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our community and our country.